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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 459 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
ADDIS ABABA CAIRO DAMASCUS JIDDA KHARTOUM MANAMA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0459

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SO

SUBJ: SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ARRIVES/MORE ON CASTRO VISIT

REF: MOGADISCIO 0458

1. SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ARRIVED MOGADISCIO EVENING MARCH 17
AND IS PROCEEDING THROUGH STANDARD PUBLIC PROGRAM, E.G. STATE
BANQUET, ETC. NO INDICATION YET OF SUBSTANCE NIMEIRI/SIAD TALKS. IT
REMAINS BE SEEN HOW LONG NIMEIRI WILL REMAIN MOGADISCIO; OFFICIAL
MEDIA CONFLICT, SOME SAYING TWO DAYS AND OTHERS FOUR.

2. DIPLOMATIC CORPS CONTINUES DISCUSS RECENT CASTRO VISIT AVIDLY,
INTERPRETING CASTRO/NIMEIRI VISITS AS HIGH-LEVEL, HIGH-PRESSURE
COURTSHIP OF GSDR BY OPPOSING POLITICAL CAMPS, CASTRO ON BEHALF
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SOVIETS AND NIMEIRI ON BEHALF MODERATE ARABS. THIS PERHAPS OVERDRAWN
BUT NOT INCORRECT. CONSENSUS IS THAT CASTRO MAY HAVE OVERPLAYED HIS
HAND BY PUBLICLY SURFACING RIVALRY FOR GSDR'S LOYALTY. IN MARCH 13
SPEECH TO SOCCER SPECTATORS, FOR EXAMPLE, HE DENOUNCED SAUDI ARABIA
AND IRAN, BY NAME, AS IMPERIALIST AGENTS IN REGION AND PAID HIGH TRIB
UTE
TO ETH IOPIA REVOLUTION. SOME SOURCES ALSO SAY CASTRO MENTIONED

ERITREA IN CONTEXT ETHIOPIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, BUT THIS UNCERTAI

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BECAUSE NOT ALL LISTENERS COULD UNDERSTAND SPANISH OR HEAR THE
TRANSLATION. ARAB DIPLOMATS LATER EXPRESSED THEIR UNHAPPINESS TO GSDR
OFFICIALS ABOUT REFERENCES TO SAUDI ARABIA, WHETHER OFFICIALLY OR
NOT IS UNKNOWN, AND SAUDI CHARGE REPORTS THAT HIS SOMALI CONTACTS
REGRETTED REMARKS. NONE OF CASTRO'S CONTROVERSIAL REMARKS WERE CARRIE

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BY OFFICIAL MEDIA. IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE SIGNIFICANT THAT, ACCORDING
TO EYEWITNESSES, CEREMONIES SURROUNDING CASTRO'S DEPARTURE
WERE CORRECT BUT DID NOT COMPARE IN SIZE OR ENTHUSIASM WITH HIS
ARRIVAL.

3. JOINT SOMALI/CUBAN COMMUCIQUE BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND
SELECTED POSTS.

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